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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 14, 2005. The Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making this paper due on or before **January 14, 2006**. A request for continued examination pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.114 is being submitted concurrently with this paper. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.